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## Bank Sets Plans For New Office

Wells Fargo Bank today announced plans for the opening of its first office in the South Bay area and its eighth in Southern California—the Torrance-Del Amo Financial Center Office.

The new banking location will open for business Dec. 12 with a series of events unique to Southern California financial institutions, according to John R. Breeden, executive vice president, Southern California Headquarters, Wells Fargo Bank. Highlight of the grand opening will be participation by a majority of the bank's 32 directors in the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m.

HEADED BY Ernest C. Arbuckle, chairman of the board, and Richard F. Cooley, president and chief executive officer, the directors will hold their first meeting in Southern California Dec. 12 to mark the opening of the Del Amo Financial Center office and the first anniversary of the bank's move to Southern California.

Two days, Dec. 12 and 13, will be spotlighted by open house special events including drawings for Wells Fargo growth bonds, refreshments, gifts and the display inside the office of the original Buffalo Bill stagecoach, which was used by Buffalo Bill Cody during his Wild West Show days.

THE OFFICE, occupying 8,500 square feet on the plaza level of the Wells Fargo Building, will feature complete banking services including checking, savings, safe deposit, escrow, trust, night depository, a special merchants' window, and a dealer installment loan center.

Robert D. Thomas, a veteran of nearly 13 years of service with Wells Fargo Bank at several of its key Northern California locations, will be vice president and manager of the office. Working with him will be Douglas McLendon, assistant manager; Peter Wall, credit officer; F. W. Kneisel, operations officer; and Mrs. Marjorie Wright, escrow officer.

## Zoo Birthday Festival Features Hay 'Cake'

The Los Angeles Zoo celebrates its second anniversary Friday with two special birthday cakes and a party at 11 a.m. in the Children's Zoo.

Youngsters born in Los Angeles County on the same day the Zoo opened, Nov. 28, 1966, have been invited to celebrate their birthday with the Zoo. The party will be held the 29th because of Thanksgiving.

The two cakes planned are made of entirely different ingredients to appeal to two different types of young consumers.

One culinary delight is being made for the human youngsters, and another, approximately six feet high, is planned for the small animals in the Children's Zoo. The animals' cake will feature huge loaves of bread hollowed out and filled with goodies such as hay, fresh vegetables and fruit. The frosting will be made of whipped potatoes. Hopefully, the young animals will be so delighted by having their own birthday cake, they'll jump in with all fours.

In addition to the other festivities, the young guests will be wished "Happy Birthday" by the City Fire Department's Hook and Ladder lads, and given a special greeting by a new addition to the Children's Zoo, a four-month-old Indian elephant. The still unnamed little female arrived at the Zoo last week. She stands only 32 inches high and receives her special pabulum, milk, honey and vitamin C formula from a gallon size baby bottle and nipple.

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## Gym Classes To Be Held At Victoria

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has announced approval of an agreement allowing use of Victoria County Park by physical education classes of Dominguez Hills College.

For a minimum fee, the college will have use of the locker rooms and shower at the swimming pool.

These facilities are normally closed during the school year and open during the summer.

The arrangement will be in effect until such time as recreation facilities are completed on the college campus, Hahn said.

## Imperial Bank Votes Dividend

Directors of Imperial Bank have authorized a 10 percent stock dividend, payable Jan. 20, 1969, to shareholders of record Dec. 5.

The bank, founded in 1963, has assets in excess of \$49 million. The stock is traded over the counter.



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